

F/A-22 Raptor

The F/A-22 Raptor is the cornerstone of U.S. Air Supremacy for the next generation of joint warfighters. Its unique and dominant air combat and strike capabilities are essential to enabling the full portfolio of warfighters as they deploy, employ and fight our nation's wars. It gives the U.S. an advantage over any enemy in the foreseeable future.

- The combination of the Raptor's advanced stealth, supercruise speeds, state-of-the-art sensors, and highly integrated avionics ensure absolute air supremacy in the coming decades.
- Only the Raptor can penetrate the growing and deadly high-threat environment of surface-to-air missiles, day or night, to strike critical targets and enable follow-on joint forces.
- The F/A-22 will allow other forces of our joint-service team to apply their systems unmolested, whether they are Navy ships projecting forces ashore, or Soldiers in combat brigade formations deep within hostile territory, in all weather, and 24 hours a day.
- The F/A-22 can defeat any adversary aircraft currently flying or in development. Not only is the Raptor truly first shot, first kill-the adversary will likely not even know he's engaged until it is too late.
- Its highly advanced sensor suite and supercruise provide unique cruise missile defense options for theater commanders and homeland defense.
- The F/A-22 is here today--more than 22 Raptors are flying today, with 38 under construction. Testing proves they are on the path to fulfilling their mission for the AF and our nation. Initial operational capability is scheduled for Dec 2005 at Langley AFB.